

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A one-piece holder for securely and simultaneously retaining both flexible, foldable paper currency and bendable cards, said one-piece holder comprising:

a) a longitudinally extending base having a first substantially planar surface and a second, opposed substantially planar surface, two opposed longitudinally extending side edges and two transversely extending end edges, said two end edges extending between respective ends of said longitudinally extending side edges,

b) a resilient retaining member integrally formed with said base, said resilient retaining member extending from one of said two transversely extending end edges over said first substantially planar surface, said resilient retaining member being biased toward said first substantially planar surface,

c) two substantially rigid retaining members integrally formed with said base, said two substantially rigid retaining members each including a first portion extending from said second, opposed substantially planar surface, defining a plane extending substantially perpendicular to said second, opposed substantially planar surface, and a second portion extending from said first portion, defining a plane extending substantially perpendicular to said first portion and extending substantially parallel to said second, opposed substantially planar surface,

d) said second portion of said substantially rigid retaining members terminating in continuously curved edges extending over said second, opposed substantially planar surface,

e) said two substantially rigid retaining members defining a retaining channel between said second, opposed planar surface and said two substantially rigid members for receipt of at least one bendable card therebetween,

f) a stop formed perpendicular to said base and extending toward said retaining members and into said retaining channel at said end edge where said resilient retaining member is formed.

2. The holder of claim 1 with means formed in said retaining channel for causing bendable cards to be removably wedged into said retaining channel when said cards are inserted toward said stop.

3. The holder of claim 1 wherein said retaining channel formed by said two substantially rigid retaining members has a smaller transverse dimension at said end edge where said stop is formed than the transverse dimension at the open end of said retaining channel.

4. The holder of claim 1 with means formed in said retaining channel of said retaining members for engaging a bendable card when inserted into said retaining channel to removably wedge said card in said retaining channel.

5. The holder of claim 4 wherein said formed means are resilient fingers on said first portion of said retaining member to wedge said bendable cards into said holder.

6. The holder of claim 4 wherein said means formed in said retaining channel is formed from the base of said holder to force said cards up into said channel.

7. The holder of claim 4 wherein said means formed in said retaining channel is formed from the second portion to force said cards down into said channel.

8. The holder of claim 1 wherein said retaining channel and said resilient retaining member are on the same side of the longitudinally extending base.

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8. The holder of claim 1 wherein said resilient retaining member and said stop originate at the opposite edges of said longitudinally-extending base.

10. A combination money clip and card holder, comprising:

a base having a substantially rectangular shape, a first and a second surface, two longitudinal edges, and two transverse edges;

a bracket formed integrally with said base along each of said two longitudinal edges, the brackets and said first surface defining a channel;

a stop formed integrally with said base on said first surface along one of said two transverse edges; and

a hinged clip extending from one of said two transverse edges over said second surface.

11. The money clip and holder of claim 10 wherein the brackets have L-shaped cross-sections.

12. The money clip and holder of claim 11 wherein said hinged clip includes a resilient portion integrally formed with said base and a lever portion pivotally attached to said resilient portion.

13. The money clip and holder of claim 12 wherein said lever portion includes means for deflecting said resilient portion away from said second surface and capturing articles between said hinged clip and said base.

14. The money clip and holder of claim 13 wherein said two longitudinal edges of said base are tapered so that the width of said channel is greatest along the transverse edge opposite the transverse edge having said stop.

~~11~~ 15. The money clip and holder of claim ~~13~~⁹ wherein the brackets contain resilient members biased inwardly with respect to said channel.

~~Sub 16~~ 16. A combination money clip and card holder, comprising:

a base having a substantially rectangular shape, a first and a second surface, two longitudinal edges, and two transverse edges;

a bracket formed integrally with said base along each of said two longitudinal edges, the brackets and said first surface defining a channel;

a first stop formed integrally with said base on said first surface along one of said two transverse edges; and

means for removably capturing paper currency, said means disposed along said second surface.

~~13~~ 17. The money clip and card holder of claim 16 wherein said means for removably capturing paper currency includes a supporting portion extending from one of said two transverse edges.

~~13~~ 18. The money clip and card holder of claim ~~17~~¹² wherein said supporting portion is rigid.

~~14~~ 19. The money clip and card holder of claim ~~17~~¹² wherein said means for removably capturing paper currency further includes a removable spring clip extending across said supporting portion, said spring clip being biased to engage said supporting portion, said spring clip having a first section disposed along the exterior of said supporting portion and a second section disposed along the interior of said supporting portion for removably capturing paper currency by frictionally engaging the currency against the interior of said supporting portion.

20. The money clip and card holder of claim 16 further including a second stop disposed on the transverse edge opposite to said first stop.

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